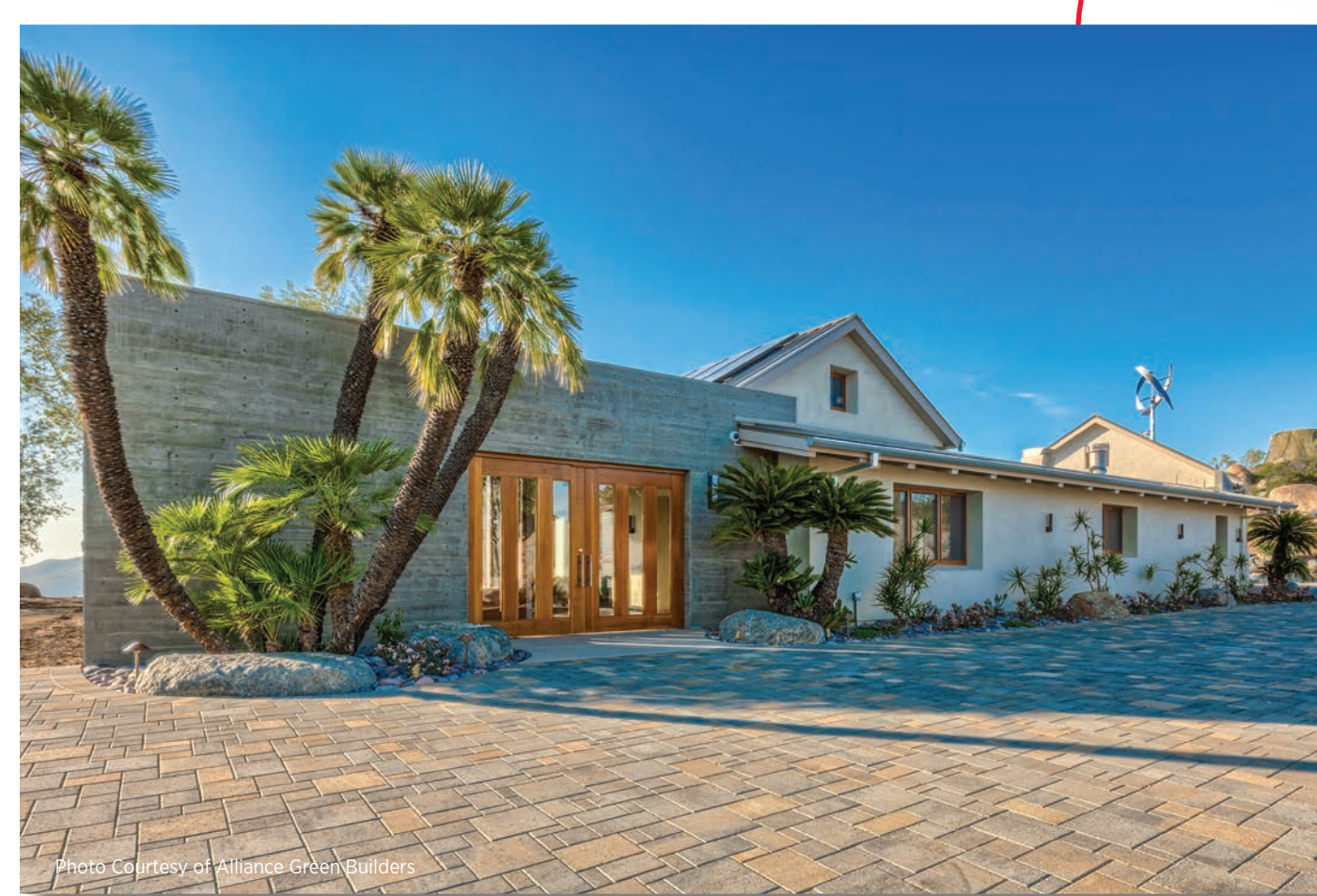




**Multi-Family:** This category includes high-performance condominiums, town homes, and apartments like these by Thrive Home Builders near Denver.



**Production:** This category recognizes builders who incorporate the DOE ZERH specs in consistent designs that can be cost effectively produced, like this production home in Denver built by Thrive Home Builders.



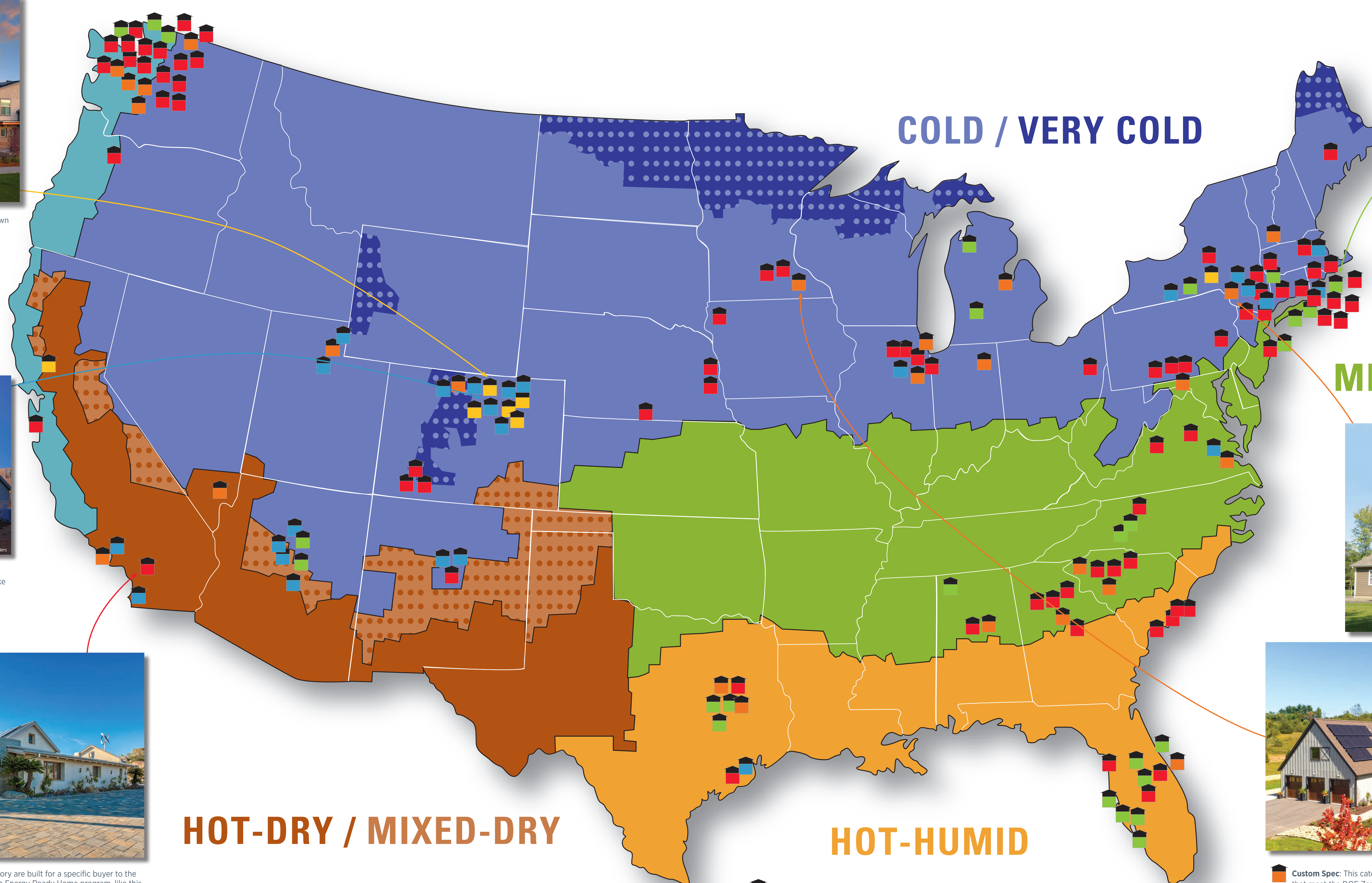
**Custom for Buyer:** Homes in this category are built for a specific buyer to the exacting specifications of the DOE Zero Energy Ready Home program, like this custom home built by Alliance Green Builders in Ramona, California.



**Affordable:** Homes in this category show that high performance can be achieved at a surprisingly low cost, like this home built by United Way of Long Island.



**Custom Spec:** This category includes unique homes built on speculation that meet the DOE Zero Energy Ready Home criteria, like these homes by Greenhill Contracting in New York and Amaris Homes in Minnesota.



**HOT-DRY / MIXED-DRY**

**HOT-HUMID**

Each house represents a Housing Innovation Award winning DOE Zero Energy Ready Home. The house color indicates the housing type – Affordable, Custom for Buyer, Custom Spec, Multi-Family, or Production.



## HEALTHFUL ENVIRONMENT

### COMFORT PLUS

### ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

### ULTRA EFFICIENT

### QUALITY BUILT

### DURABILITY

■ DOE Zero Energy Ready Home  
■ ENERGY STAR Certified Home  
■ Existing Home

This label indicates the relative performance of this DOE Zero Energy Ready Home compared to existing homes (built between 1990 and 2010) and ENERGY STAR Certified Homes. Actual performance may vary.

## DOE ZERO ENERGY READY HOME

Only a select group of the top builders in the country meet the extraordinary levels of excellence and quality specified by the U.S. Department of Energy's Zero Energy Ready Home guidelines. The DOE Zero Energy Ready Home program represents a whole new level of home performance, with rigorous requirements that ensure outstanding levels of energy savings, comfort, health, and durability.

### Lives Better.

#### HEALTHFUL ENVIRONMENT

Every DOE Zero Energy Ready Home has a comprehensive package of measures to minimize pollutants, provide continuous fresh air, and filter the air you breathe.

#### COMFORT PLUS

Superior insulation, windows, air sealing, and space conditioning systems surround you with even temperatures, low humidity, and quiet in every room on every floor.

### Works Better.

#### ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

Every DOE Zero Energy Ready Home begins with the solid building science specified by the ENERGY STAR Certified Homes program, then adds advanced technologies and practices based on world-class research from DOE's Building America program.

#### ULTRA EFFICIENT

DOE Zero Energy Ready Homes are so energy efficient, a small solar electric system can easily offset most or all of your annual energy consumption.

### Lasts Better.

#### QUALITY BUILT

Advanced construction practices and technologies are specified. Independent verifiers test and inspect to make sure these are installed and operating as prescribed.

#### DURABILITY

The advanced levels of energy savings, comfort, health, durability, and quality in every DOE Zero Energy Ready Home provide value that will stand the test of time.

## HOUSING INNOVATION AWARDS

Since 2013, the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Housing Innovation Awards have recognized the very best in innovation on the path to Zero Energy Ready Homes. The Housing Innovation Awards honor these forward-thinking builders who are changing the way homes are designed and constructed to provide better places for Americans to live, stronger communities, and a more economically and environmentally resilient nation.

Awards are currently presented in five categories: custom for buyer, custom spec, production, multi-family, and affordable. Winners and grand winners are selected by an esteemed panel of industry experts and honored at the annual EEBA Excellence in Building Conference. Winning homes are featured on the DOE Tour of Zero website, in DOE case studies and news releases, and in the builder's partner profile on the DOE Zero Energy Ready Home website. You can see past Housing Innovation Award winners at: [buildings.energy.gov/zero](http://buildings.energy.gov/zero).



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